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opening 434 (Figure 8A) is a cutout; both openings 504 and 434 are dimensioned to receive a user's hand. As such, the Applicant respectfully submits that Figure 9 should be included as Species II.

Although not specified by the Examiner, Figures 10A and 10B illustrate a horizontal brace near the bottom of a chair to allow a user's foot to push down when folding the chair. Figures 10A and 10B further illustrate a back rest having an opening dimensioned to receive the user's hand so as to prevent the hand from being pinched as the chair is being folded. These two features are claimed in Claims 30-31. The Applicant respectfully submits that the concepts illustrated in Figures 10A and 10B are more appropriate for being identified as Species III.

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests that the species grouping be modified as follows:

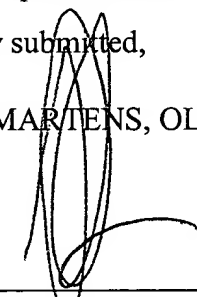
Species I      Figures 1-7, 10A  
Species II     Figures 6-9  
Species III    Figures 10A, 10B

Pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicant hereby elects to restrict the above-captioned application to Species I as illustrated in Figures 1-7, 10A. By this amendment, the Applicant cancels Claims 22-31 without prejudice to reflect the species election. Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §121. Hence, reconsideration of the above-captioned application in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein is respectfully requested. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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